

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2018
5:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Library

Present: Arsalan Siddiqui (Chair), Findley Holland (Vice Chair), Alison Longworth (Liaison)

Absent: Honora Hammett

Guests: Natalia Rincon, Juan Rincon, Larry Hilliard

Arsalan called order at 5:38 P.M.

Old Business

1. Minutes: October minutes were approved. November minutes were not submitted and will be reviewed at later date.
2. Youth Forum Schedule Update: The youth forum at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) will be held at 3:30 on Monday, December 17th. Arsalan made flyers and will email them to YAC members to vote on the one that will be used for advertisement. The power point that will be used at the forum will be reviewed and revised about what YAC is currently working on. Bios will also be updated.
3. Youth Higher Learning: This has been delayed to a later date.
4. YAC Awareness Advocacy Project: The plan is to have a Meet n' Greet at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Centre on January 18th or 25th, 2019. The Purpose of this meeting is to get youth interested in YAC and encourage new members.

New Business

1. Advisory Committee Liaison Reports:
 - a. Arsalan: PRAB was discussing the petition to have Beltway Plaza torn down and made into housing; there is worry that this will cause overcrowding in schools such as ERHS and Greenbelt Middle School (GMS).
2. Crime Prevention: Arsalan wanted to know ways YAC can help lower crime in Greenbelt, he suggested talking to people in the police department and see if they could come to a YAC meeting to talk. Alison will look into that. Findley then talked about CRAB holding a police and youth workshop at ERHS in the end of November and seeing if YAC can be involved in the next one CRAB has.

Arsalan asked how YAC can work to lower crime. Some ideas were:

Larry suggested ERHS starting a "neighborhood" watch program where students can report if they see anything dangerous/ report crimes.

Findley suggested getting it known to students that they already have options about reporting dangers confidently.

Larry suggested a "safe word" program be started where students can say that safe word and someone will help them out of that situation.

Arsalan will talk to Mr. McNeill about crimes in ERHS and how it can be prevented.

3. January Meet n' Greet at GAFC: This was discussed previously (see YAC Awareness Advocacy Project).

4. New Year's Eve Volunteers - Larry Hilliard: Larry talks about a way that a New Year's Eve celebration can happen after talking to businesses in response to Findley's idea from last meeting:

- Seeing if the Old Greenbelt Movie Theatre could play a kids movie with the release time of about 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Then around 7:15 p.m. the Maker Space will play a movie with an end time of about 11:45 p.m. After that at 12 a.m. Chinese lanterns will be released in Roosevelt Centre.

There was some concern expressed about this being about to be done by this year. Tasks were handed out to see if it can happen this year and to prepare for next year. Arsalan will be looking into the Makers Space and Findley will be looking into the movie theatre.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Findley Holland